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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to establish a commission (including members of the General Court) to study methods of reducing health care administrative costs in the Commonwealth. Public Health.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO REDUCE HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,  
2 there is hereby established a commission to study the equality and  
3 efficiency of the present system of administering health care in  
4 the commonwealth and study ways to reduce administrative costs  
5 associated with administering health care in the commonwealth.  
6 The commission shall consist of the following: two members of  
7 the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the  
8 house and one appointed by the house minority leader; two mem-  
9 bers of the senate, one appointed by the senate president and one  
10 appointed by the senate minority leader; the secretary of health  
11 and human services, or his designee; the secretary of elder affairs,

12 or her designee; the commissioner of insurance, or his designee;  
13 three consumers, to be appointed by the governor; a member of  
14 the Massachusetts Hospital Association, so-called; a member from  
15 the Massachusetts Medical Society, so-called; a member from  
16 Health Care For All, so-called; a member from the Home and  
17 Health Care Association of Massachusetts, so-called; a member  
18 from the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, so-  
19 called; a member from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, so-called; a  
20 member from Blue Cross Blue Shield, so-called; a member from  
21 Tufts Health Plan, so-called; and a member from Massachusetts  
22 Association of Health Plans, so-called.

23 The commission shall study the equality and efficiency of the  
24 present system of administering health care in the commonwealth.

25 Said study shall include, but not be limited to:

26 (i) An analysis of the commonwealth's total health care admin-  
27 istrative costs.

28 (ii) A determination of the component of administrative costs  
29 that appears to be most precisely measured, including a compar-  
30 ison of those costs to the other costs of the health care system.

31 (iii) An examination of the feasibility of establishing a central  
32 point of access for the public health care system and feasibility of  
33 utilizing uniform paperwork.

34 The commission shall submit the results of said study, along  
35 with any drafts of recommended legislation and a plan for the  
36 implementation of any recommendations to the house and senate  
37 committees on ways and means, the clerk of the house, the clerk  
38 of the senate, and the joint committee on health care not later than  
39 October 31, 2006.